

PATENT**REMARKS**

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,925,073 to Chastain et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,683,445 to Swoyer. Claims 1, 2, and 4-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swoyer in view of Chastain et al. In addition, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,387,233 to Alfernness et al. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants' claimed invention, as set forth in pending Claim 1, is directed to a coronary sinus lead that includes a lead body having at least two non-helical bends that define substantially an s-shaped portion. The lead further includes an electrode that is located on one of the at least two non-helical bends so as to bias the electrode against one of the sides of a vessel wall in the coronary sinus. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references alone or in combination do not disclose or suggest applicants' claimed invention.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is novel and unobvious over the cited references and is therefore allowable. Applicants further submit that claims 2-17 that depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 are allowable as is claim 1 and for additional limitations recited therein.

PATENT**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims patentably distinguish over the cited references, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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